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POLAND: Renewed Unrest

Police in Gdansk used tear gas and water cannons yesterday to disperse [REDACTED] about 2,000 mostly young demonstrators marching on party headquarters to protest eight months of martial law. [REDACTED] police forcefully broke up crowds in Warsaw and Wroclaw, some of whom were leaving church services. About 1,000 workers staged an apparently peaceful march at a steel mill in Krakow. [REDACTED]

Comment: The forceful, unprovoked, and sometimes punitive responses by police against even peaceful churchgoers reflect the volatile atmosphere in some Polish cities and indicate that the regime is keenly determined to prevent further unrest by intimidating would-be demonstrators. Over the next two weeks, however, additional sporadic strikes and demonstrations seem likely. [REDACTED]

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